Current Perfins Literature -- A Second Cut --

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Knowing that articles for the Bulletin are sparse (very sparse at this time) I figured a modification of the survey of world perfins would take up a few pages. The modification I came up with was a simple(?); count the patterns listed in the most current catalogs of the perfins of the world. Since I can count to 10 and get the same answer 3 out of 4 times, it seemed to be an interesting way to get an indication of the potential for collecting different perfin patterns on the stamps of the world.

So I started. And I got well into the project (using past surveys as an indication of potential countries) before I realized I had a problem. I was counting patterns from what I felt was the most current catalogs, but were they?

From Floyd Walker's October 2001 listing of catalogs of the perfins of the world, I got the sense that I was mostly on the right track. I have most of the catalogs Floyd listed (I lack mostly the very new ones – post 1998), and so I went on counting, and counting, and counting... The total, at present, exceeds 56,000 patterns, almost all illustrated.

But, I still have a problem. Am I working with the best and most current information available?

On the next couple of pages are printed my attempt at a listing of the formal citations for the current literature relating to the perfins of the world. Unlike Floyd's list it is formal and boring, except to a bibliophile or someone trying to get the best information available.

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I have used a modified "Author, Date" style which telegraphs information about the publications. All known information is simply presented in the following order: Author(s). Year(s) of publication. Title. City, State, Country (as needed) of publication: Publisher. Total pages or pagination of an article. Information within square brackets ("[...]") is relevant information not actually printed in the publication, while information hi-lighted in gray is information which I am missing and can not fill in from the publication itself or my knowledge of it

PLEASE HELP!!

Please, anyone out there who sees an error in this list – or has some of the pieces of information which I have not been able to confirm (the gray stuff), please write me, e-mail me, phone me, or use any other form of communication (smoke signals and drum talk probably won't work real well) to let me know missing or incorrect information in this list. (The single exception to this plea for help is that I know of the new catalog of Great Britain perfins being produced [I am working to get my own copy of this catalog] and don't need to be pointed in that direction.)

My plan is to begin publishing the results of my count in the November/December Bulletin – giving me about four months to hear of corrections, and review the counts affected by this information

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